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C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0460

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451

1. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1830 HOURS LOCAL:  
ACCORDING TO PERSONS AT HILTON HOTEL, TERRORISTS BORE ETHIOPIAN  
PASSPORTS UPON REGISTERING AT HOTEL AND ONE WAS ETHIOPIAN, THE  
OTHER AN ERITREAN. THEY HAD BEEN AT HOTEL TWO DAYS BEFORE  
COMMENCEMENT OF CONFERENCE, HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY INVITED TO  
ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, BUT HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE  
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IN MEETINGS. ON 17 FEBRUARY EVENING ONE PERSON AT THE HOTEL HAD  
OBSERVED THE TWO TERRORISTS IN THE COMPANY OF AN UNIDENTIFIED  
FEMALE DESCRIBED AS SHORT, BLOND HAired, AND BOSOMY. THIS  
WOMAN APPARENTLY DEPARTED THE HOTEL EARLIER ON 18 FEBRUARY.

2. ACCORDING TO A GOC OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OTHER  
GOC OFFICIALS AT THE AIRPORT, THE TERRORISTS HAVE DEMANDED THAT

MININT VENIAMIN, VASSOS LYSSARIDES AND SYRIAN MILATT HADDAD  
ACCOMPANY THEM WHEN THEY DEPART CYPRUS.

3. EGYPTIAN PLANE ARRIVING IN CYPRUS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN  
SENT HERE IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AT AAPSO  
CONFERENCE BACK TO EGYPT.

4. CYPRUS AIRWAYS GENERAL MANAGER ADVISED EMBOFF THAT LEBANESE  
OFFICIALS INITIALLY DIDNOT ALLOW CY BAC-111 TO LAND AT BEIRUT  
BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT PLANE WAS CARRYING TERRORISTS.  
THIS AIRCRAFT HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO LARNACA AIRPORT.  
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